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THERE WILL BE LOW-KEY ANNOUNCEMENT TO PRESS AT NOON SUNDAY OF PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION TO CONVERT FROM LOAN TO GRANT BASIS \$500 MILLION OF EMERGENCY SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS DURING OCTOBER 1973 WAR.

POSTS SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION ON THIS ANNOUNCEMENT BUT IF QUERIED ON BASIS OF PRESS REPORTS, MAY RESPOND AS FOLLOWS:

A. WHEN CONGRESS AUTHORIZED \$2.2 BILLION EMERGENCY SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL DURING OCTOBER 1973 WAR, IT PROVIDED THAT \$700 MILLION SHOULD BE ON LOAN BASIS AND GAVE PRESIDENT AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE TERMS OF REMAINING \$1.5 BILLION. CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT CLEARLY FAVORED MAXIMUM AMOUNT AS GRANT.

B. IT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED THAT \$1 BILLION SHOULD BE ON GRANT BASIS. LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT DECISION ON REMAINING \$500 MILLION SHOULD BE MADE BY JUNE 30, 1974.

C. DECISION TO BE ANNOUNCED SUNDAY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ADDITIONAL AID. IT COMPLETES LEGAL STEPS NEEDED TO FIX TERMS OF REMAINING \$500 MILLION ASSISTANCE APPROVED LAST YEAR AND ALREADY EXPENDED. SISCO

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